

**A. TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**Purpose:** This section describes the eligibility requirements for the TANF program that serves both clients who care for children as well as pregnant clients.

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**WAC 388-400-0005 Who is eligible for temporary assistance for needy families?**

- (1) You can get temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) if you:
- (a) Can be in a TANF/SFA assistance unit as allowed under WAC 388-408-0015 through 388-408-0030;
  - (b) Meet the citizenship/alien status requirements of WAC 388-424-0005;
  - (c) Live in the state of Washington. A child must live with a caretaker relative, guardian, or custodian who meets the state residency requirements of WAC 388-468-0005;
  - (d) Do not live in a public institution unless specifically allowed under RCW 74.08.025;
  - (e) Meet TANF/SFA:
    - (i) Income requirements under chapter 388-450 WAC;
    - (ii) Resource requirements under chapter 388-470 WAC; and
    - (iii) Transfer of property requirements under chapter 388-488 WAC.
  - (f) Assign your rights to child support as required under WAC 388-422-0005;
  - (g) Cooperate with the Division of Child Support (DCS) as required under WAC 388-422-0010 by helping them:
    - (i) Prove who is the father of children applying for or getting TANF or SFA; and

- (ii) Collect child support.
  - (h) Tell us your Social Security number as required under WAC 388-476-0005;
  - (i) Cooperate in a review of your eligibility as required under WAC 388-434-0005;
  - (j) Cooperate in a quality assurance review as required under WAC 388-464-0001;
  - (k) Participate in the WorkFirst program as required under chapter 388-310 WAC;
  - (l) Report changes of circumstances as required under WAC 388-418-0005;
- (2) If you are an adult and do not have a child living with you, you must be pregnant and meet the requirements of WAC 388-462-0010;
- (3) If you are an unmarried pregnant teen or teen parent:
- (a) Your living arrangements must meet the requirements of WAC 388-486-0005; and
  - (b) You must attend school as required under WAC 388-486-0010.
- (4) In addition to rules listed in subsection (1) of this section, a child must meet the following rules to get TANF:
- (a) Meet the age requirements under WAC 388-404-0005; and
  - (b) Live in the home of a relative, court-ordered guardian, court-ordered custodian, or other adult acting *in loco parentis* as required under WAC 388-454-0005; or
  - (c) If the child lives with a parent or other adult relative that provides care for the child, that adult cannot have used up their sixty-month lifetime limit of TANF or SFA cash benefits as defined in WAC 388-484-0005.

- (5) You cannot get TANF if you have been:
- (a) Convicted of certain felonies and other crimes under WAC 388-442-0010;  
or
  - (b) Convicted of unlawful practices to get public assistance under WAC 388-446-0005 or 388-446-0010.